(a) whether it is a fact that allocation of natural gas made for per day exceeds supply of it per day;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) how the gap would be filled in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Natural gas being eco-friendly and an economic feedstock fuel, an allocation to the extent of around 118.66 million standard cubic metres per day (MMSCMD) of natural gas has been made to the consumers in the various sectors including power, fertilizers and other industries, keeping in view the various demands. However, the current availability of natural gas is around 65 MMSCMD.

(d) To bridge the gap between demand and supply of natural gas there are various initiatives to increase domestic production through indigenous exploration and exploitation and also to import natural gas and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to India.

Selling of valuable art works of NGMA

2392. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan in the near future or at present to sell out the valuable art works to different exponents from the National Gallery of Modern Arts (NGMA), New Delhi; and

(b) the mode of selection of such art works which will be sold off?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Central assistance for Science City in Gujarat

2393. SHRI RAJU PARMAR : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Central Government for release of Rs.41 crores to Science City Project at Ahmedabad;